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SUBJ: CCD WESTERN GROUP MEETING, APRIL 2

SUMMARY: AT MEETING OF WESTERN GROUP, NUMBER OF ALLIED  
REPS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN HAVING EXPERTS' MEETING ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION (ENMOD) DURING CCD SUMMER  
SESSION, PARTICULARLY TO HELP FULFILL REQUIREMENTS OF  
GA ON THIS SUBJECT. US REP EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS  
DIFFICULT FOR US NOW TO REACH A DECISION ON THE ADVIS-  
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ABILITY OF SUCH A MEETING AND ALL ALLIED REPS WENT ALONG  
WITH US SUGGESTION THAT CCD DEFER ANY DECISION ON AN

EXPERTS' MEETING UNTIL THE OPENING OF THE SUMMER SESSION ITSELF. JAPANESE REP STATED THAT HE WOULD BE MAKING PROPOSAL BEFORE END OF SPRING SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF PNES AT FORMAL AND INFORMAL MEETINGS, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE LATTER. OTHER ALLIED REPS REACTED POSITIVELY TO JAPANESE APPROACH. GROUP ALSO WORKED OUT DRAFT FOR MINOR CHANGES IN CCD WORK METHODS WHICH IS TO BE TABLED AT FORTHCOMING INFORMAL MEETING OF CCD TO COUNTER EARLIER ROMANIAN PROPOSAL (GENEVA 2234).

1. PNES. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR NISIBORI REVIEWED HIS DELEGATION'S THINKING WITH REGARD TO STRUCTURING OF CCD'S DELIBERATIONS ON QUESTION OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS (PNES) DURING SUMMER SESSION. HE SAID JAPANESE HAD ORIGINALLY FAVORED CALLING FOR INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS ON PNES BUT HAD THEN BECOME PERSUADED THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO DEVOTE SERIES OF FORMAL MEETINGS TO THIS SUBJECT SO THAT STATEMENTS WOULD BE ON RECORD, THEREBY FACILITATING THE CCD'S REQUIRED REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THIS SUBJECT. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT JAPANESE DEL WAS HOWEVER MINDFUL OF CONCERNS THAT AMBASSADOR MARTIN (US) RECENTLY EXPRESSED TO THEM ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF HAVING A GIVE-AND-TAKE DISCUSSION OF THIS SENSITIVE AND CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE ON RECORD. JAPANESE THEREFORE NOW INTENDED ESSENTIALLY TO REVERT TO THEIR ORIGINAL IDEA AND WOULD BE PROPOSING BEFORE THE END OF THE SPRING SESSION THAT THE CCD HOLD INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS ON PNES AT A SPECIFIED TIME. JAPANESE WOULD ALSO DRAW ATTENTION TO FACT THAT CCD MEMBERS WOULD NATURALLY BE ABLE TO PUT THEIR VIEWS ON PNES ON RECORD DURING FORMAL MEETINGS IF THEY SO WISHED. OTHER ALLIED REPS REACTED FAVORABLY TO THE JAPANESE IDEA; IN PARTICULAR, US, UK AND CANADIAN REPS ENDORSED JAPANESE IDEA OF PUTTING STRESS ON INFORMAL ASPECT OF MEETINGS ON PNES.

2. ENMOD. NETHERLANDS REP RAISED QUESTION OF POSSIBLE EXPERTS' MEETING ON ENMOD DURING SUMMER SESSION. HE SAID THAT HIS DELEGATION, LIKE OTHERS, FELT NEED FOR BECOMING BETTER EDUCATED ABOUT THIS SUBJECT AND DUTCH  
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IN PARTICULAR WOULD LIKE SOME INFORMATION ON THE RECENT US/SOV BILATERALS ON ENMOD. CANADIAN REP REPORTED THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR ROSHCIN HAD INDICATED THAT SOVIETS WOULD BE GIVING STATEMENT EXPANDING THEIR VIEWS ON ENMOD BEFORE THE END OF THE SPRING SESSION AND THAT ROSHCIN HAD ASKED MOSCOW TO SEND EXPERTS FOR THIS PURPOSE. CANADIAN REP COMMENTED THAT THIS SOVIET MOVE WOULD OPEN ONE SIDE OF A DIALOG ON THIS SUBJECT AND THAT THERE WOULD SEEM TO BE A NEED FOR A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE US SIDE. HE ALSO OBSERVED THAT CCD HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY GA RESOLU-

TION TO UNDERTAKE NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT AND REPORT BACK TO GA. UK REP ALSO UNDERLINED NEED TO REPORT TO GA ON ENMOD AND SAID THAT WHILE GA COULD HARDLY EXPECT THAT CCD WOULD AGREE THIS YEAR ON A CONVENTION IT WILL CERTAINLY EXPECT COMMITTEE TO HAVE UNDERTAKEN AT LEAST A PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF THE SUBJECT.

3. AMBASSADOR MARTIN (US) SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR US AT PRESENT TIME TO JUDGE THE ADVISABILITY OF AN EXPERTS' MEETING ON ENMOD. HE THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT US WOULD IN ANY CASE BE BRIEFING NATO ALLIES AND THAT JAPANESE WOULD BE SIMILARLY BRIEFED. HE SAID US RECOGNIZED THE NEED TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS ON ENMOD AT CCD BUT THAT HE COULD NOT REPEAT NOT SAY USDEL WOULD BE IN POSITION TO DUPLICATE STATEMENT ROSHCIN APPARENTLY INTENDS TO MAKE. MARTIN EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF CCD COULD AVOID TAKING A DECISION AT THE SPRING SESSION ON AN ENMOD EXPERTS' MEETING, PERHAPS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT COMMITTEE WOULD TAKE UP AT THE OUTSET OF THE SUMMER SESSION THE QUESTION OF HOW ITS DELIBERATIONS ON ENMOD SHOULD BE HANDLED. ALLIED REPS REACTED POSITIVELY TO MARTIN'S SUGGESTION. CANADIAN REP HOWEVER THOUGH IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT SWEDEN MIGHT CALL FOR DECISION ON EXPERTS' MEETING BEFORE SPRING SESSION RECESSED. AMBASSADOR MARTIN COMMENTED THAT WE WERE IN TOUCH WITH SWEDES AND HAD IMPRESSION THAT THEIR GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN NO FIRM DECISION ON THIS ISSUE AND WOULD PROBABLY BE ABLE TO WAIT UNTIL OPENING OF SUMMER SESSION.

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4. ROMANIAN PROPOSAL ON WORK METHODS. AMBASSADOR MARTIN CIRCULATED A DRAFT TEXT WHICH ELIMATED THE MAJOR DIFFICULTIES USDEL PERCEIVED IN DRAFT PROPOSAL ON MODIFYING CCD WORK METHODS WHICH ROMANIANS TABLED AT APRIL 1 PLENARY (GENEVA 2234). MARTIN EXPLAINED THAT WE WANTED TO DELETE PHRASING IN ROMANIAN TEXT WHICH IMPLIED THAT CCD HAD NOT BEEN RESPONDING PROPERLY TO GA RESES BECAUSE OF DEFICIENCIES IN ITS WORK METHODS. WE ALSO WANTED TO ELIMINATE THE IMPRESSION GIVEN IN THE ROMANIAN TEXT THAT THE ONLY MATTERS BEFORE THE CCD ARE THOSE CONTAINED IN GA RESES. WITH REGARD TO PARA 2 OF ROMANIAN TEXT, MARTIN EXPLAINED THAT WE WERE FIRMLY OPPOSED TO INCLUDING CONFIDENTIAL

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REFERENCE TO SETTING UP OF SUBCOMMITTEES AND WORKING

GROUPS IN CONFERENCE DOCUMENT. MOREOVER, IN ORDER TO AVOID SACRIFICING FLEXIBILITY, USDEL WOULD FAVOR GIVING ONLY A VERY GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE MEASURES TO BE ADOPTED AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH YEAR'S SESSIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF ENSURING PROPER CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES BEFORE THE CCD.

5. NETHERLANDS, ITALIAN AND UK REPS SAID THEY WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION THEMSELVES TO THE SETTING UP OF WORKING GROUPS AND UK REP ADDED THAT ON JOINING CCD FOR FIRST TIME THIS YEAR HE HAD BEEN "ASTONISHED" THAT IT LACKED AN AGENDA AND WORK PROGRAM. JAPANESE REP SAID THERE WAS NEED TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING AND ACCOMMODATING TOWARDS ROMANIANS AND OTHERS WITH REGARD TO PARA 2 OF THEIR DRAFT AND HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IT WAS INSUFFICIENT SIMPLY TO MAKE A GENERAL REFERENCE TO STEPS THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN. SEVERAL ALLIED REPS ALSO FAVORED MAKING SPECIFIC PROVISION FOR THE HOLDING OF INFORMAL MEETINGS AT THE OPENING OF EACH

YEAR'S SPRING SESSION IN ORDER TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF WORK ORGANIZATION.

6. IN RESPONSE TO THESE ALLIED COMMENTS, AMBASSADOR MARTIN NOTED THAT SETTING UP SUBCOMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS WOULD POSE PROBLEMS THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED CAREFULLY. HE ALSO CONSIDERED IT INADVISABLE TO MAKE A FIRM STIPULATION FOR INFORMAL MEETINGS TO DISCUSS WORK ORGANIZATION. SUCH MEETINGS COULD ALWAYS BE SCHEDULED ON REQUEST IF NEEDED. PROCEDURAL MEETINGS ON REGULAR BASIS COULD LEAD TO WRANGLES OR COULD BE EXPLOITED BY SOME DELEGATIONS.

7. AFTER FURTHER DELIBERATIONS GROUP AGREED ON TEXT WHICH IN ALL IMPORTANT RESPECTS IS BASED ON THE ORIGINAL DRAFT THAT US HAD CIRCULATED TO THE ALLIES. GROUP AGREED THAT US CO-CHAIRMAN SHOULD CONSULT WITH HIS SOVIET COLLEAGUE TO SEEK SOVIET AGREEMENT TO IT. TEXT WOULD BE THEN TABLED BY CANADIANS AT THE INFORMAL MEETING WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 4, TO CONSIDER THIS SUBJECT. TEXT OF PROPOSAL AGREED ON AT CONFIDENTIAL

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WESTERN GROUP MEETING IS GIVEN BELOW.

BEGIN TEXT.

THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT, HAVING CONSIDERED SUGGESTIONS FOR SOME ADJUSTMENTS IN THE ORGANIZATION OF ITS WORK, HAS REACHED A CONSENSUS TO THE EFFECT THAT:

(1) THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT SHALL BE CONVENED NOT LATER THAN THE THIRD TUESDAY IN FEBRUARY WITH A VIEW TO CONTINUING OR BEGINNING CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUES BEFORE IT, INCLUDING ANY NEW MATTERS REFERRED TO IT BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(2) WHEN THE FIRST SESSION OF EACH YEAR COMMENCES, AND THEREAFTER AS THE NEED ARISES, THE CONFERENCE SHOULD DISCUSS THE ORGANIZATION OF ITS WORK TO ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO ALL OF THE ISSUES BEFORE IT.

(3) THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE ON ITS ACTION ON THE ABOVE ISSUES SHALL, IF POSSIBLE, BE TRANSMITTED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS NOT LATER THAN THE LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH OF AUGUST SO THAT THIS REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBER

STATES AT THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. END TEXT.  
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